### **Mission**

"SWMBH strives to be Michigan's preeminent benefits manager and integrative healthcare partner, assuring regional health status improvements, quality, value, trust, and CMHSP participant success."

### **Values**

- Customer Driven
- Person-Centered
- Recovery Oriented
- Evidenced-Based
- Integrated Care
- Trust
- Integrity
- Transparency

- Inclusive
- Accessibility
- Acceptability
- Impact
- Value
- High Quality Services
- Risk Management
- Culturally Competent
  Diverse Workforce



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# **Welcome to Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health**

Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health (SWMBH) is the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) for eight Michigan counties, and is in partnership with the Community Mental Health (CMH) agencies of these counties. SWMBH, in partnership with the CMH's and local providers, provides mental health services to adults with severe and persistent mental illness, children with severe emotional disturbance, individuals with developmental disabilities, individuals with substance use disorders. As the manager of services, SWMBH will make sure that services are given to you based on your needs and goals and are within the guidelines set by the state of Michigan. SWMBH strives to ensure that you and your family members are treated with dignity and respect.



Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, diability, or sex.

" ATTENCIÓN: Si habla **español**, hay servicios gratuitos de asistencia con el idioma para usted. Llame al 1-800 -890-3712 (TTY: 711)."

## What is an Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Autism is a range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication, as well as by unique strengths and differences.

Autism is caused by different combinations of genetic and environmental influences, but its origins are ultimately unknown. Symptoms of Autism tend to appear between 2 and 3 years of age, but may present as early as 18 months.

### What is the EPSDT Autism Waiver?

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Autism Benefit guarantees coverage of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services for Medicaid eligible children under 21 years of age who are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and who meet medical necessity criteria. ABA is recommended for children diagosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. ABA services can be used to address skills and behaviors relevat to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Services commonly address, but are not limted too:

- Language Skills
- Social Skills
- Communication Skills
- Following Instructions
- Peer Interactions
- Following Daily Routines
- Self-Help
- Daily Living Skills
- Behavioral Challenges

### What are Common Symptoms of an Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Please note: just because your child may have a symptom of ASD, does not mean they have ASD. If you are concerned, please contact your local CMHSP to schedule an intake and have your child assessed.

- reduced interests in people
- no eye contact
- failure to respond to his/her names
- lack of imitation
- a significant delay in speech
- lack of pointing
- lack of facial expressions or gestures
- hand flapping
- rocking
- preoccupations or obsessions with objects
- lack of pretend play
- difficulties with change

#### Who Can I Contact?

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